

wove hats of straw, but by the time the railroad came in 1899 they "imported" many of their hats from the outside world.

Earlier, however, all the hats were made right in Heber City. To give a seasonal change to the hats they re-trimmed them.

Mrs. Duncan of the Duncan House sold hats to ladies in a store just south of her hotel, and Mrs. Lovisa Alexander had a two-room shop built south of her residence at 65 S. 1st East. Alice Ryan Jones operated a very successful shop known as the Elite Millinery near her home on First North and Third East for many years. She was also a skilled teacher of her art and taught many girls how to make beautiful hats. Annie Jones Smith was also a talented milliner and worked with Mrs. Jones for many years. She would attend the Paris Millinery School each spring to learn the latest fads and fashions. Mrs. J. W. (Elfrenzenia) Winterrose was also a professional milliner and dressmaker, and operated a shop at 135 S. Main. Mary Bond and Ruby Murdock Gott also made and sold hats.

In 1912 Mrs. William Byrne of Park City opened a millinery shop at 54 N. Main and then later moved to 4 West Center. Her shop prospered and in 1920 she sold it to Vilate McMillan and Frankie Clift. Miss McMillan became sole operator in 1921 and expanded the business to the leading women's specialty shop in Heber. She purchased property at 136 S. Main in 1943 and established her business as Vilates Shop. She still does her own buying, selling, some of the bookkeeping, window trimming and fitting. For many years Mrs. Rachel Giles and Mrs. Mary B. McMullin did the altering for the shop.

Dressmaking was as important as millinery and most of the early milliners were equally skilled as dressmakers. Alice Ryan Jones was particularly noted for her dressmaking and many of the early brides of the county were clothed in her beautiful creations. She trained many of the best seamstresses in Heber.

For years after the settlement of Heber there was no such thing as a "ready-made" dress. Material was at first spun, and then when yardage became available the women sewed dresses from this material. Some who were most adept with the needle and thread went into business. A few of these included Mrs. Amanda Clift, Isabell Jacobs, Emma West, Rachel A. Giles, Mrs. Sue Goodwin Witt, Mrs. Mary Jensen Moulton and her daughters Millie and Josie, Mrs. Susie W. Giles, Mrs. Lizzie Witt, Lizzie Averett, Sarah Smith and Rhoda Ohlwiler.

Putting together a dress in the pre-sewing machine days was quite an art. Each dress required lining, the seams had to be cut-stitched, stiffening had to be inserted in the skirt, the waist had to be boned to insure a good figure and neatness of course was paramount. The trimming was very elaborate.

the chapter for women of the valley who had business or professional careers.

~~Vilate McMillan~~ was first president of the group, with Lula Clegg, vice president, Ruby Duke, corresponding secretary, Maranda Smith, recording secretary, LaVon Bond, treasurer and Edith Wootton, assistant treasurer. Charter members also included Nellie Ohlwiler, Agnes Parkinson, Mae Greenwood, Gladys Holt, Bessie Reeves, Edna Montgomery, Daisy Cummings, Garnet Watkins, Nina Clyde, Edna Murdock, Lerelia McMillan, Crissie Jones, Dorothy Salisburg, Emma H. Wherritt, Mrs. E. P. Cliff, Belva Fortie, Annie Fisher, Hazel Clyde, Florence Hicken, Laura F. Murdock, Manila Carlile, Sarah Orme, Heloise Hatch, Melba Duke, Teenie Duke, Nora Curry, Thelma Ritchie, Janie Murdock, Mildred Ivins, Nora Read, Josie Daybell, Sylvia Wootton, Veronica Heinlein, Orah Giles, Sara Simpson, Edna McMullin, Comfort Bachman, Birdie Bates, Lethe Coleman, Dora Fuller and Martha D. Shute, an honorary member.

Numerous activities have been carried on by the group, including fund raising events to help girls of the community gain business education, conducting annual graduation teas at Wasatch High School as well as school oratory and music contests. The chapter established Wasatch County's Memorial Hill and has conducted memorial service programs at the site. They have also staged barbeques at the annual Wasatch County Stock Shows. The pits always being fired and meat barbecued by the Heber Valley Firemen, serving as many as 2,000 persons at one of the shows. Gifts have been presented to Wasatch County Library, and the group provided many services during World War II to servicemen or their families. Members of the club who have held offices in the state organization have included Lula Clegg, Edna Montgomery, Ruby Duke and Maranda Smith.

One of the community's most active service groups is the Heber Lions Club which received its charter from Lions International on December 10, 1928. The charter members included Ralph E. Strub, the first president, John M. Turner, William L. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Walter H. Seiter, Dr. H. R. Read, Earl M. Herdy, Earl H. Smith, Earl Tilson, Jesse L. Hatt, Jack A. Jensen, A. W. Chenney, Joseph A. Rasband, Emery W. Murdock, Gwen F. Buell, Laban Hylton, Dr. B. A. Dannenberg, Wilson Dean, G. W. Baker and George B. Stanley. Owen F. Buell was the first secretary and retained the position for 10 years.

Presidents of the club after Mr. Strub have been, in order of their service, Jesse L. Hatt, Earl M. Hardy, John A. Anderson, Ralph F. Nilsson, Storm McDonald, John M. Turner, Joseph Hylton, Lowe Ashton, Sr., Riley C. Draper, Clyde Broadbent, Dr. Karl O. Nielson, Heber M. Rasband, Ralph Stringham, I. C. Montgomery, Lloyd J. Wettencamp, Harold H. Smith, Andrew J. Mohr, Wesley Walton, Andrew McConkie, Edson Packer, George Strelbel, Raymond Giacopetti, Lloyd Lawton, L. A.